



Uxbridge Community Gardens

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Uxbridge Town Hall  
21 S. Main St, Uxbridge

## Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** 7:00pm

**Quorum:** 5/5 in attendance.

**Minutes of July 10, 2014:** Kris Holt reporting. Minutes reviewed & accepted as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sandy Lemire reporting. \$6197.72.

### Old Business

1. URI Seed Program: Kevin will pick up seeds again at URI. Groups (UCG, senior center, library, food pantry, etc) will need to coordinate the submission in order for them all to be picked up at one time. Barbara will coordinate.
2. Timing & number of water distributions for 2015: Every 3-4 weeks as needed

### New Business

1. Review and approve UCG annual report: Barbara presented the report. This was accepted unanimously with the addition of bees and food pantry donations.
2. Policy for gardens not maintained / cleaned at end of season: Photos were taken of gardens not cleaned at the end of the season. A motion was made to ask Dan Q to give up plot #57 (he may keep #47), and maintain the weeds along the perimeter. Discussion regarding asking new gardeners to pay a security deposit, going forward. This might be difficult to instate given the accounting situation with the town account. #59 & #99-100 are the only gardens not cleaned with gardeners planning to return. They will be addressed via email, with the ground rules, with a line stating they will forfeit their gardens the following season if the garden isn't cleaned.
3. Garden availability 12/8/14 & waiting list: The lists were reviewed. There will be 6 single plots and 1 double plot available for the 2015 season. Plot 84/85 would need to be staked.
5. Review/approve all forms for 2015: The ground rules will be amended to add "gardens not cleaned at the end of the season will be forfeited". The application was amended to add a note about making sure the release is signed and included with the application.

6. Distribution of forms – plan for 2015: ten applications will be left at both the library and town hall. Kim will distribute.
7. Web page update: All new forms will be added to the town website.
8. Bees – plan for honey: to be determined
9. Bulletin Board rebuild - ? BVT: BVT would work on building a sign in the spring. Kim has completed a project request form. Paint & Design might be able to paint the logo on the back. A larger, single-sided sign will be fine. A donation of \$200 was given to replace the sign.
10. Garden security for 2015: Josiah Morrisette from UPD offered recommendations. Signs (multiple placed around the gardens) would be helpful. Deer Cams might be beneficial. They are small, would need to mount them on a post in a security box. Infrared motion sensor cameras run on batteries. There is also a solar panel which would be beneficial. Cameras would help to act as a deterrent. Legally you can still-photo and video anyone in an open area, you cannot legally use audio. You could petition the town to close Sutton St fields from dusk to dawn. People on the property could be charged with trespassing if it is posted.  
All theft should be reported to the police department.  
The UCG will have signs made to be installed in April. If theft continues to be an issue, cameras will be installed. The BOS will be petitioned to close the property from dusk to dawn.
11. Garden signs: We will make a list to discuss at our next meeting.
12. Jan 1 NUT article - 12/15 deadline. Jackie will submit the article along with a picture.
13. On Dec 9<sup>th</sup> a site visit will be held at 2:00pm for an RFP for solar development.

#### Next UCG Meeting TBD

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Holt  
UCG Secretary

Barbara Hall	Chairperson	_____
Kim DeMers	Vice Chair	_____ <i>Kim DeMers</i>
Sandy Lemire	Treasurer	_____
Kris Holt	Secretary	_____ <i>Kris Holt</i>
Jackie Wheelock	Member at Large	_____ <i>Jackie Wheelock</i>